



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of National Suicide Prevention Week

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Department of Health joins communities throughout the United States in recognizing National Suicide Prevention Week, to raise awareness about the risk factors related to suicide and to promote suicide prevention services to the residents of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Department of Health understands that suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the United States each year; Hawai'i high school students have shown the highest self-reported prevalence of considering suicide in our State; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Department of Health will be recognizing the 36th Annual National Suicide Prevention Week from September 4-10, 2011; this year's theme *Changing the Legacy of Suicide* informs individuals about the important resources available to help those at-risk of suicide; communities across our State will be collaborating to host events to raise awareness about suicide prevention and the resources available to support this effort; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Department of Health acknowledges that National Suicide Prevention Week will lead up to and commemorate World Suicide Prevention Day on September 20, 2011;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of September 4-10, 2011 as

"NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to support National Suicide Prevention Week and its goals in raising awareness about the risk factors related to suicide and promoting suicide prevention services to our local communities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of August, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i